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REMARKS

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1. On 8 August 1953, about 100 air force soldiers were observed loading furniture, fencing and gasoline tanks at the spur track of Staaken airfield. On 9 and 10 August, air force soldiers were loading furniture and cattle at Dallgow railroad station. At 9 p.m. on 11 August, an air force shipment with trucks, furniture, vans and caterpillar tractors was seen at Dallgow railroad station.
2. About noon on 9 August, no aircraft were seen at Staaken airfield. Eight underground fuel containers at the northern edge of the field which were put in the ground as late as July 1953, were now dug out and the pits were leveled off. The fence around the ammunition dump, the searchlight and the radio installation west of the field as well as the radio installation north of the railroad line at the western edge of the Rohrbeck cantonment had all been removed. The confiscated buildings were released to their civilian owners. The train which had been observed at Dallgow railroad station at 10 p.m. of 9 August, departed about 7:30 a.m. on 10 August. The train was additionally loaded with 4 trucks which had come from Staaken airfield and were occupied by 4 officers and 8 air force women auxiliaries.

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3. On 10 August, 8 large fuel containers were loaded on 8 two-axle flatcars with sideracks and 15 medium fuel containers on 1 two-axle and 8 four-axle flatcars with sideracks at the spur track of Staaken airfield. The containers appeared to be newly dug out of the ground.

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the installation was vacated on 13 August and, since that date, only a detail of a Soviet border unit, with black-bordered red epaulets from Gross Glienicke, had been stationed at the field. the entire border unit from Gross Glienicke (auditor Pavelyukov (fnu)) was to be transferred to the field. 50X1-HUM

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4. On 11 and 17 August, no aircraft were observed at the field. 50X1-HUM
5. On 12 August, a train of 30 flatcars with sideracks and 12 boxcars loaded with boxes, furniture and other billeting equipment was seen at the spur track between Staaken railroad station and airfield. The hangars at the field were open and empty. No aircraft were observed at the field. No activities were observed at the field on 17 August. The radio station west of the field had been removed.
6. The airfield was vacated by all air force personnel on 15 August. The searchlight previously seen in operation every night was not longer observed.
7. On 18 August, the field was vacated by Soviet troops.
8. On 19 August, the airfield was vacated except for a rear detail which was quartered in the local inn. There were no indications of an intended reoccupation of the field.

1. Comment. The observations confirm previous information on the transfer of the air transport unit from Staaken to Schoenefeld airfield between 7 and 12 August. 50X1-HUM

2. Comment. This information refers to Border Guard Unit Auditor Pavelyukov is probably one and the same Pavlinkov (fnu) who was previously reported as being assigned to this unit. 50X1-HUM

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